

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1 - 25. (canceled)

26. (previously presented) A printing ink, comprising

a) at least one dye or pigment having at least one absorption maximum in the visible range of the electromagnetic spectrum which is substantially different from the absorption maxima of the base colors of the CIEXYZ system, and

b) at least one other dye or pigment having an absorption band in the visible range of the electromagnetic spectrum whose band width at half intensity is narrower than  $2400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and

c) at least one other dye or pigment having at least one absorption maximum in the ultraviolet or in the infrared region.

27. (previously presented) A printing ink according to claim 26, wherein the band width at half intensity of said dye or pigment b) is narrower than  $2000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

28. (previously presented) A printing ink according to claim 26, wherein the band width at half intensity of said dye or pigment b) is narrower than  $1500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

29. (previously presented) A printing ink according to claim 26, wherein said at least one other dye or pigment c) has at least one absorption maximum in the near-infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum.

30. (previously presented) A printing ink according to claim 26, comprising at least three different dyes or pigments having absorption spectra which are substantially different from each other.

31. (previously presented) A printing ink according to claim 26, comprising at least four different dyes or pigments having absorption spectra which are substantially different from each other.

32. (previously presented) A printing ink according to claim 26, comprising at least two different dyes or pigments having at least one absorption maximum in the infrared range.

33. (previously presented) A printing ink according to claim 26, comprising at least three different dyes or pigments having at least one absorption maximum in the infrared range.

34. (previously presented) A printing ink according to claim 33, wherein said at least three different dyes or pigments have at least one absorption maximum in the near-infrared range of the electromagnetic spectrum.

35. (previously presented) A printing ink according to claim 26, comprising at least four different dyes or pigments having at least one absorption maximum in the visible range of the electromagnetic spectrum.

36. (previously presented) A printing ink according to claim 26, further comprising a reflecting pigment.

37. (previously presented) A set of printing inks, comprising at least two printing inks according to claim 26.

38. (previously presented) A set of printing inks according to claim 37, comprising at least three of said different printing inks each having a dye or pigment which is different from the dyes or pigments in the other printing inks.

39. (previously presented) A set of printing inks according to claim 37, wherein the different dyes or pigments have at least one absorption maximum in the visible range of the electromagnetic spectrum.

40. (previously presented) A set of printing inks according to claim 37, wherein at least one printing ink comprises a dye or pigment having at least one absorption maximum in the ultraviolet or in the infrared region.

41. (previously presented) A set of printing inks according to claim 40, wherein said dye or pigment has at least one absorption maximum in the near-infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum.

42. (previously presented) A set of printing inks according to claim 37, wherein at least one printing ink comprises a reflecting pigment.

43. (previously presented) A method for marking an article, comprising the step of providing on said article a marking which is applied by using at least one member of the group consisting of

- i) a printing ink according to claim 26,
- ii) a set of printing inks each being an ink as recited in i),
- iii) a coating composition comprising at least one printing ink recited in i), and
- iv) a coating composition comprising a set of printing inks as recited in ii).

44. (previously presented) A method according to claim 43, wherein said article is selected from the group consisting of a banknote, a document, a ticket, a foil, a thread, a label, a card, and a commercial good.

45 - 56. (canceled)

57. (previously presented) A marking comprising at least one printing ink according to claim 26.

58. (previously presented) A marking comprising at least one set of printing inks according to claim 35.

59. (previously presented) An article comprising at least one marking according to claim 57.

60. (previously presented) An article according to claim 59, wherein said article is selected from the group consisting of a banknote, a document, a ticket, a foil, a thread, a label, a card, and a commercial good.